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CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN US

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1. ACTING FONSEC RUBEN GONZALEZ SOSA ANNOUNCED THAT 17
chiefs of Mexican consulates in the South-Western US
will meet August 6 and 7 in Los Angeles. High ranking
officials from the National Council on Tourism, from the Mexican
Institute of Foreign Commerce, from the Dept. of the Federal
District and from the Secretariats of Foreign Relations, of
Government, of Finance and Public Credit, and of Industry
and Commerce will also attend the meetings which will not only
cover the protection of the rights of Mexicans in the US but
also bilateral economic and cultural relations.

2. GONZALEZ SOSA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEXICAN FOREIGN
SERVICE HAS BEEN ABOUT 35 PER CENT RENOVATED DURING THE PAST
2 YEARS AND THAT THE CONSULATES, PRINCIPALLY ALONG THE BORDER,
HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONCERNING US VISAS, GONZALEZ
SOSA REPORTEDLY STATED THAT A DEMAND WOULD BE MADE TO THE USG
FOR VISAS OF SUFFICIENT VALIDITY IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPELLING
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MEXICANS TO RETURN FROM THE US WITHOUT COMPLETING THEIR

PLANNED TRIPS. ANOTHER REPORT INDICATES HE ANSWERED A
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT QUESTION. HE NOTED THAT 98 PER CENT OF THE
MEXICANS WITH VISAS ARE ADMITTED INTO THE US AND THAT THOSE
WHO ARE NOT ADMITTED EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE VISAS ARE THOSE WHO
LACK FUNDS OR A GOOD APPEARANCE. IN ADDITION, HE REPORTEDLY
DECLARED "WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THE MIGRATION STANDARDS MORE
EFFECTIVE" AND INVITED ALL MEXICANS WHO KNOW OF IRREGULARITIES
TO INFORM THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT ABOUT THESE.

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